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What is claimed is:

1. A computer program pre-recorded on a removable storage medium, the removable storage medium to be loaded into a removable media storage device of a local computer, the computer program comprising:

a bootable remote data recovery operating program locally operable by a central processing unit of the local computer and independently of a normal operating system of the local computer; and

communication program means for establishing communication with a remote data recovery computer.

2. A computer program in accordance with claim 1, wherein the bootable remote data recovery operating program comprises a data recovery diagnostic program.

3. A computer program in accordance with claim 1, wherein the bootable remote data recovery operating program comprises a data recovery application program.

4. A method of data recovery, comprising:

establishing a communications link between a local computer having a data storage device requiring recovery of data and a remote data recovery computer;

enabling interaction between the local computer and the remote data recovery

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computer;

maintaining access to data recovery programs resident at the remote data recovery computer;

diagnosing the data storage device; and

recovering data on the data storage device of the local computer.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of establishing a communications link comprises establishing a communications link over one of the group consisting of a modem, a local area network, a wide area network and Internet.

6. A computer program pre-recorded on a removable storage medium, the removable storage medium to be loaded into a removable media storage device of a local computer, comprising:

remote data recovery program means locally actuatable by a central processing unit of the local computer; and

communication program means for establishing communication with a remote data recovery computer so that the remote data recovery computer is enabled to control the local computer for diagnosing the rectifying data on the local computer.

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